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1. During the second half of 1954 the supply of pigs in Kwangtung and Hunan was sharply reduced because of the small ration of rice bran for feeding and the fixed price for pigs. In May and June 1954, because of a rice shortage, the authorities in Kwangtung severely reduced the ration of rice bran for feeding pigs. Whereas previously a pig for market weighing 70 catties or more was fed about 15 catties of bran per month, in December the maximum ration that farmers in Kwangtung could procure was 10 catties per month; usually they got less. Their difficulties were aggravated by the fact that, although the quotas imposed by the authorities for the production of crops frequently proved to be higher than the eventual yield, the authorities nevertheless extracted their full share of the quota and left the farmer short of feed. Early in 1954 the authorities also reduced the price of pigs, which had been bringing about HK \$150 per picul on the open market, to a fixed price of HK \$80 per picul.
2. Before the Chinese Communists took over, two trains a day used to run from Hengyang to Canton with at least 10 carloads of pigs. In December only one train was running. It consisted of about 10 cars, each carrying 50 to 60 pigs. Pigs from Hunan were being shipped from Canton by junk to Hainan in considerable quantities. Smaller supplies were being shipped from Canton to Swatow by junk; this traffic had been going on for at least a year.

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